

HI FANS,

Back again. PLEASE NOTE! Due to the increased cost of postage, newsletters will now be mailed to you at two month intervals. We have also had to increase the price of some of the keepsake items for the same reason. The following price changes are now in effect for U.S. members only Gold Key Chains \$3.50, Charm Bracelets \$2.75, Necklace \$2.50, Posters \$1.50. FOREIGN MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE NEW PRICES ON FLYSHEET ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

Leaving beautiful California weather behind, K & R & group were greeted in the Detroit area by thunderstorms, rain and tornadoes. Most of the group settled in their rooms for the evening but Pete Henderson sat, fascinated, on a chair on his balcony watching Mother Nature perform her storm act, a performance quite unlike the ones she puts on in Southern California. In Bowling Green, they had a bit of bad luck when Rick, their equipment manager broke his wrist as he tried to catch Curt Mercer's suitcase when it fell off of the stage. He failed to get a good grip on the heavy object and his wrist snapped. Friend Dave Connelly, a roadie who has helped them on past tours, flew in to help out. Rick's cast is a duplicate of the one Richard had to wear so many months last year. Pittsburgh audiences were the first to see the group's new act which turned out well in spite of a sick piano. In Philadelphia the next day, a Wurlitzer man was called in to "doctor" the ailing ivories. Though adjustments were made, the poor sick thing gave out completely that night in the middle of a concert, humorously enough - while the group was doing HELP. This was the first time Richard had to change pianos in the middle of a show. The next treatment for the ailing piano was a vacuum and dust job on its insides which made it good as new. Dinner in Philly was again at the BOOKBINDERS where they had met Jim Croce a couple years earlier. In Utica, the new act had shaped up nicely but a slight mishap put Tony (Bone) Peluso's guitar out of commission momentarily during his Johnny Be Good act. Seems his electric cord caught on something and pulled out of the guitar as he dashed across the stage. He suddenly found himself without sound and had to make a quick dash back to retrieve the errant cord. The honorable mayor was in attendance that evening and was very pleased with the group. was n't pleased with the way the theater was run, however & lost no time in making drastic changes. Leaving Utica, the equipment truck broke down and it looked like it wouldn't make it to Westbury in time for the opening concert. Pete and Bill extended their opening act 15 minutes and by that time the truck finally arrived. The stage was set up during a prolonged intermission ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) and the concert proceeded without a soundcheck, but in spite of that lack, the concert turned out just fine. Weather that alternated between hot and cold brought on sore throats, fevers and colds among the group, but the shows went on in spite of fevered bodies. A new grand piano was brought in to Richard's room at the new Holiday Inn so he could practice for his upcoming Boston concert. K & R treated the group to Easter dinner in Burt Bacharach's restaurant located next door to the Holiday Inn. Cousin Joanie with her husband Hank and daughter Susan joined them there for a very tasty meal. A very hot 83° awaited them in Raleigh where the concert was promoted by the American Cancer Society. A restaurant was kept open for show committee members and every one connected with the show and the lovely meal they served was gratefully appreciated by the group. In Richmond, manager Sherwin Bash had to leave K & R and make a mad dash back to Nevada to give a hand to Herb Alpert who was opening at Lake Tahoe. In Beckley they were hassled by a union representative who wanted proof of their membership and demanded to see their union cards! Beckley is a little mining town in the hills of West Virginia. The town slogan - "Beckley - the town with a mine of its own". They had hoped to stay in Hershey Inn during their stay in Hershey, Pa., but conventioners had filled the place to overflowing. So they guested the Host Inn, a huge complex which offers mini-golf, ping-pong, billiards, pin ball machines, etc. Hershey, R Says, is a dream town with street lights that look like Hershey kisses and a main street named CHOCOLATE AVENUE. For a birthday gift for Sherwin, K & R had a 10 pound Hershey bar made up with HAPPY BIRTHDAY stamped on it.



This is a sketch of new poster C now on sale

In Boston, Richard played his first professional, classical concert. Accompanied by the Boston Pops orchestra conducted by Arthur Feidler he played the Warsaw Concerto to a very delighted audience. The 109 members of the orchestra filled the small stage which was adorned by beautiful light fixtures which resembled stars; so for the Carpenter concert, an extra wing was added to the stage to accommodate Richard's grand piano and the rest of the group. The theater seats which fill the main floor during the winter months had been removed to make way for chairs & tiny tables on which drinks, cheese and crackers are served. The chairs are chained to the tables to prevent them from accidentally blocking exits. Homeward bound, they flew over Niagra Falls to view the dazzling spectacle of one of nature's wonders. They headed for sunny California and a few day's rest before leaving for a three week's engagement in Las Vegas.

Rap again in 2 months

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